

Ed Michaud
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In 1974, Ed, Brenda, and children Mark, Dean, and Sharla, moved from Dallas to Tulsa, Oklahoma, as Ed was promoted to Oklahoma Sales Manager with Sentry Insurance. Ed enrolled his oldest son Mark into the local south Tulsa soccer program and became a "soccer dad." He never thought this would be the start of a second career, in the world of soccer. Ed had previously completed a six-year USAF commitment as a C-130 navigator flying missions worldwide, including a tour of duty in Vietnam, for which he was awarded the Air Medal.

In July of 1975 Ed was transferred to Midwest City, Oklahoma. Soccer was really growing and with two sons, Mark and Dean, wanting to play, Ed enrolled them with the Midwest City Club. During that era, it was common for youth teams to have one of the fathers as a coach, so in 1977 when the regular coach failed to show up for a practice, Ed stepped in and as he says, "the rest is history." He attended Oklahoma Soccer Association coaching clinics achieving a USSF D license. In the late 1970's, Midwest City had few fields to use for soccer practice much less put in goal posts for league matches. Ed had a vision to have all games played at one site and began a campaign to develop some open land behind Steed School, with help of local soccer families on the project. That site is now the 30-acre, 13 field, Midwest City Soccer Complex.

In 1980, Ed became a USSF 08 level referee, progressing up to State Level 05. During this period he participated in several youth regional competitions, plus two adult regional competitions. The top-level competition he was assigned to involved the professional Oklahoma City team, both outdoor and indoor leagues. Not limiting his time to refereeing, he also became an assignor, instructor, and assessor and currently serves as ASDA-West. As an administrator, Ed held several offices, including service as President of OK Country Soccer Club, Frontier Country, plus the Oklahoma Soccer Association. During his time at the helm of OSA, he visited many areas to assist new clubs with coaching and referee clinics.

In 1984, high school soccer hit the scene. Ed was asked to coach the Midwest City HS team. He also went before the Mid-Del School Board urging approval of soccer with other sports. The following year, 1985, OSSAA sanctioned the sport. In 1987, Ed was approached by OSSAA to serve as the Soccer Rules Interpreter for Oklahoma, a position he held for 10 years. At the college level, beginning in 1986, he was also instrumental in forming the Oklahoma City chapter of the National Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association, which serves college soccer in the state. Ed performed as an active official for 10 years and continues his Assessor duties. In 2011, he received the Robert Sumpter Excellence in teaching Award for his work with college level referees and in 2012 was awarded an Outstanding Service Award by NISOA.

“Starting as a soccer dad, with a sport I was not familiar with, I didn’t know what to expect. But it been a wonderful ride full of great memories.” says Ed. He looks forward to retirement from soccer so he and Brenda, whom he met in college while attending Louisiana Tech, can enjoy their seven grandchildren, Taylor, Jенаe, Melanie, Brandon, Ryan, Andrew, and Holly.